

**TOWN OF ELSMERE
COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Deborah A. Norkavage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR	DEBORAH A. NORKAVAGE	PRESENT
1 ST DISTRICT	JOHN JAREMCHUK, JR.	ABSENT (excused)
2 ND DISTRICT	STEVEN BURG	PRESENT
3 RD DISTRICT	THOMAS S. NOVAK, JR.	PRESENT
4 TH DISTRICT	CHARLES MCKEWEN	PRESENT
5 TH DISTRICT	JOANN I. PERSONTI	PRESENT
6 TH DISTRICT	JOHN N. PASQUALE, JR.	ABSENT (excused)

Town Manager, John Giles – Present
Town Solicitor, Edward McNally – Present
Lieutenant Christopher Workman – Present

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Personti to excuse both 1st District Councilman John Jaremchuk, Jr. and 6th District Councilman John Pasquale, Jr. for not being present at this evening's Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novak.

VOTE:

VOTE: 5 – 0, with 2 - Absent

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor and Council considered the approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2010 Council Meeting.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilwoman Personti to approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2010 Council Meeting with no corrections. The motion was seconded by Councilman McKewen.

VOTE:

VOTE: 5 – 0, with 2 - Absent

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Norkavage reported that Councilman Pasquale requested to have the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 516 put on July's Agenda, due to his absence from tonight's Council Meeting in order to attend his father's funeral.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor and Council considered the re-appointment of Mr. Ronald Russo to the Town's Finance Committee. If appointed Mr. Russo's appointment would expire on July 01, 2012.

Town Manager, John Giles reported that he had spoken with Mr. Russo who expressed interest in being re-appointed to the Town's Finance Committee.

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Novak to re-appoint Mr. Ronald Russo to the Town's Finance Committee, for a term to expire on July 01, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

VOTE:

VOTE: 5 – 0, with 2 - Absent

Motion carried

Mayor and Council considered the appointment of Mr. Robert Anderson to fill a vacancy which exists on the Town's Planning Commission. If appointed, Mr. Anderson's appointment would expire on June 01, 2012.

ACTION: Mayor Norkavage recommended appointing Mr. Robert Anderson to fill the vacancy to the Town's Planning Commission, for a term to expire on June 01, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

VOTE:

VOTE: 5 – 0, with 2 - Absent

Motion carried

Councilman Burg announced that Mr. Anderson is present at this evening's Council Meeting.

Mayor Norkavage thanked Mr. Anderson for volunteering to serve on the Town's Planning Commission.

Councilman Novak also thanked Mr. Anderson and commended him on his impressive resume.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Code:

Progress

Finance:

Progress

Public Safety:

Progress

Public Works:

Progress

Town Manager's Report:

Mr. Giles reported two companies were looked into in order to volunteer disposal of the hazardous material removal but were subsequently denied by both companies. He further reported he contacted Clean Harbors who will be at the yard on Friday to remove those materials.

Mr. Giles introduced Ms. Jessica Godwin, the Town Manager's new Administrative Assistant. He further thanked Ms. Godwin for accepting the position.

Mayor Norkavage reported she received a letter dated June 02, 2010 from Kenneth Boulden, Jr., Clerk of the Peace which indicated that Governor Markell signed Bill 344 that entitles Mayor's from Municipalities to officiate at wedding ceremonies. She further stated weddings can occur within the Town limits with the Mayor officiating the ceremonies.

Mayor Norkavage announced the first Movies in the Park event will occur tomorrow evening at Vilone Park.

Mr. Giles reported on the production of the Financial monthly statements and the timeframe when they could possibly be produced. He further stated that no report should be given to Mayor and Council that has not been reconciled. He also mentioned that it can be discussed at the Budget Meetings and if Mayor and Council want to receive these reports reconciled or not.

Mr. Giles reported on House Bill 364 which discusses the change in what is required to require "Collective Bargaining". The proposed legislation would require the number of employees to be two (2), as opposed to twenty-five (25), as it is now.

Councilwoman Personti commented that when this bill was passed around in Dover, many of the Representatives do not recognize this as a "Collective Bargaining Bill." It was presented to them as if all the police officers were in favor of this Bill.

Lieutenant Workman commented that people were misinformed into thinking this was from the F.O.P., which in fact it came from the Teamsters from down State. He further stated it has nothing to do with the F.O.P.

Mayor and Council all verbally agreed they want House Bill 364 killed because they are all opposed to it.

Mr. Giles reported on House Bill 414 which refers to the Governor putting \$2 million dollars into the State Budget for Municipal Street Aid which would bring the availability up to \$4 million dollars for Municipal Street Aid.

Mayor and Council all verbally agreed they were for House Bill 414.

Mr. Giles reported on House Bill 424 which basically would require bids to be opened for sixty (60) days rather than thirty (30) days as it is currently required. This new change would basically be taking control away from local governments.

Mayor and Council all verbally agreed they were opposed to House Bill 424.

Mayor Norkavage confirmed she would draft letters and send to the appropriate places.

Mr. Giles reported on the election procedures that need to be finalized by June 30, 2010. He further stated nothing can be passed contrary to State law. If our Charter is inconsistent it wouldn't apply. He stated it would be much easier to take whatever they change, if it is a change to us, and do it in a form of an Ordinance and have it ready within two months and done, rather than put it on the Legislative list which would take much longer. A Resolution would be needed to change the Charter and the Ordinance would then put the election procedure in place, then it would be ready to go.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT AND EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION: A motion was made by Councilman Novak to adjourn and go into Executive Session to address personnel issues in the Public Safety Department and not return to Public Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burg.

VOTE:

VOTE: 5 – 0, with 2 - Absent

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

These minutes summarize agenda and other issues discussed at this Council Meeting. Votes are recorded accurately. The audio tape(s) of this meeting will be available at Town Hall for a period of two years from the date these minutes are approved. The audio tapes may be reviewed at Town Hall by appointment and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**DEBORAH A. NORKAVAGE
MAYOR**

**JOANN I. PERSONTI
SECRETARY**